

# TRANSIT

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# Lines

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## **Summer FREEDOM Pass is BACK! Teens Can Easily Travel to Employment and Entertainment Opportunities for One Low Price.**

TransIT's **\$10 Summer FREEDOM Pass** for youth, ages 13 – 18, is available for unlimited rides on Connector and shuttle routes from June 1st through August 31. Passes will soon be available for purchase at the TransIT office (1040 Rocky Springs Road), the Department of Aging (1440 Taney Avenue), or at the Treasurer's Office (30 N. Market Street), Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4 pm. Tickets may also be purchased by mail; send ticket requests with a copy of picture I.D. to TransIT, 1040 Rocky Springs Road, Frederick, MD, 21702.

Sales of the Summer FREEDOM Pass have nearly tripled in the last four years! This is due to the unbeatable value of the \$10 pass that is valid for the entire summer. In addition to the monetary value of the pass, **teens are afforded the valuable life skills of learning to read maps, plan and organize trips, and time management. They also gain independence and problem-solving skills and start the good habit of saving the environment by using transit.**

For teens who wish to beat high gas prices or want to be environmentally friendly, riding the bus is both economical and green. TransIT bus routes provide access Monday through Saturday from many residential areas to shopping centers, including the FSK and Frederick Towne malls, Westview, Walmart, Kohl's, Best Buy, and 7<sup>th</sup> Street shops, as well as movies, and restaurants. Seven bus routes meet at the Transit Center where teens may transfer to other routes for free. Nine Connector and four Shuttle routes serve downtown Frederick, Walkersville, Emmitsburg/Thurmont, Jefferson/Brunswick, the Route 85 business corridor, and the Spring Ridge area.

Trip-planning on TransIT's website is easy! Students may enter trip starting and ending points into the Google trip planner and will be provided with the local TransIT route, stop, schedule, and fare information. In addition, they receive walking directions, guiding them to the nearest bus stop and getting them to the final destination after departing the bus. Trip planning is also available on mobile phones using HopStop or Google Transit! Try it today by visiting TransIT's homepage at [www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/transit](http://www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/transit). If you find you still need help, call (301) 600-2065 for assistance!



## ***BULLETIN: Change to #80 Connector Bus Service at Frederick County Health Department***

Effective Monday, March 11, 2013, the bus stops at the Frederick County Health Department and at Montevue Lane and Rosemont Avenue will be combined and relocated to the new passenger shelter on Montevue Lane in front of the Frederick County Health Department.

**The #80 Connector will no longer enter the Health Department property,** but will stop at the new passenger shelter located just north of the parking lot entrance. However, passengers who are functionally unable to walk from the shelter to the entrance may request to be dropped off at the Health Department's Entrance "C". Pick-ups at this location must be pre-arranged by calling 301-600-1725.

Please note that as of this same date, the #80 Connector will no longer stop to drop-off or pick up passengers on Montevue Lane at Rosemont Avenue. If you have any questions or comments, please call TransIT at 301-600-2065.

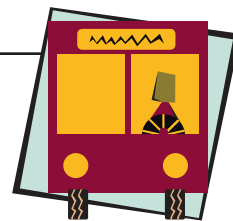
### ***HopStop Comes to Frederick!***

HopStop provides free customized public transit directions, as well as other related features and information relevant to public transit, to users via smart phone or computer. Users can get step-by-step public transit, walking, taxi, biking, and hourly car rental directions based on the travel options selected (departure time, transportation mode, more walking vs. more transfers, etc.). Other major functions include Nearby Stations, which allows users to find bus stops near an address, as well as easy access TransIT's system map and fixed route schedules. HopStop also calculates calories burned and per passenger carbon emissions savings for each transit route.

You can access HopStop on the web by visiting [www.HopStop.com](http://www.HopStop.com), or download the free App to your smart phone for easy use when you're out and about!

### ***Staff Announcements***

***New Hires:*** We are pleased to welcome new Connector drivers James King, Tami Roch, Janet Carter, Tan Pham, Roman Steichen, Phillip Aguilar, and Samuel Mensah, as well as Shuttle drivers Christina Warner, Steven Giagalas, and Jay Rockenhauser.



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